

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. – 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a flow rate of ventilating air in an air conditioner, comprising the steps of:

cooling or heating a room by drawing and discharging room air using an indoor unit;

stopping the indoor unit in a present time;

~~an indoor unit drawing and discharging room air, to cool or heat a room;~~

~~stopping the indoor unit after a preset time period is passed;~~

supplying outdoor air drawn through an air supply duct to the room at a first flow rate with the indoor unit off, and in a state the indoor unit is stopped; and

discharging room air drawn through an air discharge duct to outside of the room ~~an outside of the room~~ at a second flow rate higher than the first flow rate with the indoor unit off. ~~in the state the indoor unit is stopped.~~

16. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the steps of supplying and discharging are carried out at the same time, and the first and second flow rates vary with time.

17. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the difference between the first and second flow rates is constant. ~~have a fixed difference, always.~~

18. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising the step of heat exchanging between the outdoor air and the room air flowing in the air supply duct and the air discharge duct, respectively.

19. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising the step of heat exchanging the outdoor air passed through the air supply duct at the indoor heat exchanger in the air conditioner.

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